

Appl. No. 10/729,667

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 11 and 14-15 are under examination. By the foregoing amendments, claims 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 have been amended; claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled. Claim 7 was previously partially withdrawn from further consideration as directed to non-elected species.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 22, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing amendment would place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in a continuing application. The aforementioned amendments have been made at the Examiner's request.

Closing Remarks

It is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and notification of same is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a phone conference would expedite prosecution, she is invited to phone the undersigned.

It is believed that no other fees are due with this submission. If this is in error, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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